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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 462
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of "Uncle Herschel"
Cawthon McCartney of Lebanon, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Herschel Cawthon McCartney on January 23, 1998; and

WHEREAS, he will live forever in our hearts as "Uncle Herschel", who was popularized as the warmhearted country gentleman of the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store who selflessly helped those throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, born on April 26, 1915, Herschel Cawthon McCartney was the son of proud parents A.W. and Dannie Cawthon McCartney; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lebanon, Tennessee, Herschel Cawthon McCartney was baptized at the College Street Church of Christ in 1927; and

WHEREAS, Uncle Herschel was a graduate of Lebanon High School and Castle Heights Military Academy, where he exhibited his exceptional athletic prowess by lettering in four sports; and

WHEREAS, for four exemplary years, Herschel McCartney worked at the Atomic Energy Plants in Birmingham, Alabama and Woodbury, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, Herschel McCartney went to work as a Sales Supervisor for Martha White Foods where he was a highly regarded employee until his retirement in 1981; and

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WHEREAS, following his retirement, Herschel McCartney began to serve as the original “Old Timer” and “Uncle Herschel and the 1st Country Gentleman” for the Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores; and

WHEREAS, for 18 remarkable years Uncle Herschel served with acumen and acuity as a Goodwill Ambassador for the company, a post he proudly held until his death; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Uncle Herschel leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates; and

WHEREAS, Herschel McCartney enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Isabelle Campbell McCartney; he was the proud parent of Linda, Nancy and Mike; and

WHEREAS, he was also the cherished brother of Estelle Evins Merriman, James McCartney and A.W. “Andy” McCartney, who is also a “Country Gentleman”; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Herschel Cawthon McCartney, remembering with admiration his beloved character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Uncle Herschel McCartney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

